

19 June 1970

MEMO FOR: Deputy Director for Plans

VIA : DC/CI

SUBJECT : CIA Survey of BNDD Intelligence

1. On 28 May 1970 Mr. John Parker, Special Assistant to BNDD Director John Ingersoll, asked if CIA would survey BNDD's Intelligence effort and recommend ways to improve both their structure and functioning in this field. The attached internal BNDD memorandum contains the thoughts and suggestions made so far by Mr. Parker and Mr. John Warner to their Director.

2. I told Mr. Parker we will explore his question informally because an intelligence survey of a U. S. enforcement agency would be a new and special undertaking for CIA. The decision to do so will rest with the DCI, and he would want us to examine in more detail how CIA could help BNDD to improve their organization for intelligence and to do so quietly and without fanfare. Mr. Parker explained that both he and Mr. Warner would be glad to furnish any details as needed to help us come to a decision.

3. At the present time BNDD's Intelligence unit is committed almost exclusively to support of enforcement. It has five officers in Washington, and one man in each of their 16 regional divisions. These forces produce operational data and the BNDD Director must look elsewhere for the analysis and finished intelligence he needs for policy and action on his other missions. Besides enforcement these include scientific research, drug compliance, and education, all of which require inputs to White House and Departmental programs and decisions, and negotiations with foreign governments. Up to now Mr. Ingersoll has depended primarily on Mr. Parker for this analysis and production, but he is one man without staff who also has action responsibilities.

4. From our experience and discussions with BNDD

senior officers we see them in urgent need of an Intelligence unit that reports directly to the Director of BNDD, and produces objective intelligence supporting all his functions according to priorities set by him. It must be able to coordinate the intelligence efforts of the Directorate of Enforcement and the Directorate of Science and Education, and not be captive to either. It also should be responsible for writing and levying requirements on both BNDD operating components as well as other agencies.

5. We believe that CIA should share its experience with BNDD informally as we have been doing, without tying ourselves to a formal or bureaucratic exchange. We could offer them the temporary services of a senior officer or two who have wide experience and critical judgment in all phases of intelligence and let BNDD draw from their wisdom and experience the organizational solutions that fit their particular problems. We sought the advice of Mr. John Clarke of the DCI's office hoping that he would volunteer himself. He helped shape our view that CIA's assistance should be forthcoming, but carried forth quietly and informally. Finding the qualified man for this task is the key and he suggested such as [redacted]

We will save his candidates for later consideration.

6. For the present, we recommend that we invite Mr. Parker and Mr. Warner of BNDD to furnish more details as to what is wanted so that we can make further recommendation to the DCI. Your approval to do so is requested.

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CI/Liaison

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